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S.S.L.C. or Intermediate Explanations. Alternatively, they may get themselves qualified for such promotion by passing the S.S.L.C. standard test conducted by the Madras Public Service Commission in two papers, viz.,—

(i) Essay, Part I regional language only; and

(ii) Translation in two parts (from English to regional language and *vice versa*), and such of those who pass the above test need not appear again for the S.S.L.C. or Intermediate Examination to secure the minimum number of marks.

"(*b*) No. They will have to acquire the minimum general qualification also before promotion."

King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam.

* 687 *Q.*—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the total number of male totis, female totis and male and female nursing orderlies separately employed in King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam;

(*b*) whether it is in proportion to the bed strength of the hospital and in accordance with the prescribed rules;

(*c*) what is the sanctioned bed strength in the hospital in the year 1952; and

(*d*) what is the average (per day) number of in-patients in the year 1952?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(*a*) Male toties 28 (includes a leave reserve of 3). Female toties 26 (includes a leave reserve of 4). Male nursing orderlies 54 (includes a leave reserve of 6). Female nursing orderlies 49 (includes a leave reserve of 7).

"(*b*) Yes.

"(*c*) 700.

"(*d*) 798."

Cut in the pay of daffadars.

* 688 *Q.*—SRI S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that about a rupee or two was cut out of the pay of the daffadars in the State;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the cut; and

(*c*) the scale of the pay of an inferior servant (peon) in 1931, 1941 and 1951 (excluding dearness allowance)?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The scales of pay of daffadars in the State prior to 1933, from 1933 to 1946 and from 1947 (now existing) are as shown below :—

Pre-1933.	From 1933 to 1946.	From 1947 (existing scale).
Mufassal— 18—½—23. Madras City— 20—½—25.	17—½—22 with a Presidency allowance of Rs. 2-8-0 per mensem for those in Madras City.	22—½ (A)—30.

" (*b*) As the revision of scales of pay in 1933 was made as a measure of retrenchment, there was a reduction in the pay of daffadars by Re. 1 per mensem in the case of those serving in the mufassal and by annas 8 per mensem in the case of those serving in Madras City. The scale of pay sanctioned for daffadars in connexion with the general revision of the scales of pay of non-gazetted officers in 1947 is, however, higher than the scale in force before 1933.

" (*c*) The scales of pay of peons in 1931, 1941 and 1951 (now existing) are as shown below :—

1931.	1941.	1951.
Mufassal— Rs. 12—18	Mufassal— Rs. 12—17	18—½ (A)—25."
Madras City— Rs. 15—20	Madras City— Rs. 12—17 plus a Presidency allowance of Rs. 2-8-0 per mensem.	

Retrenchment in the B. & C. Mills due to power cut.

* 689 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many labourers were ousted in the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills, Limited, Madras, due to the cut in electricity during the months of March and April 1953; and

(*b*) what reliefs were given to the ousted labourers?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) There was no retrenchment in March 1953. On account of the introduction of power cut on 16th April 1953, 270 probationers were discharged in April 1953. No regular employee was affected.

" (*b*) No relief was given to the ousted labourers as their services were liable to be terminated without notice or compensation in lieu of notice under the terms of the standing orders of the company."